

thing you can't afford for a real house, you can probably afford for a doll house."

"I know a lady who always wanted to live in a Victorian mansion but ended up in a condominium in L.A.," said exhibitor Betty Leeds.

"She finally just bought a Victorian doll house, and now she is having a ball. It was little, but she could move in with her mind," said Leeds, who was hawking miniature law school and dentistry degrees (\$11) for the doll house that needed a diploma.

"It was \$99," he said.

The wave, or ripple, of the future for the miniature market are Sound Alive doll houses that have all the standard features of home, including the pizza-putter of little feet.

"They are small houses with loudspeakers that broadcast sounds you hear in a house, like pots and pans in the kitchen, a harpichord in the music room and tools at work in the workshop," said association president Robert Bell.

By Lynnet Myers

Joseph "Papa" Pasczko pleaded guilty Tuesday to a \$160,000 jewelry heist and to the theft of some aspirin that he stole because "I had a headache."

The 67-year-old thief, who has been arrested more than 100 times and imprisoned 11 times since 1940, was sentenced to 4 years in prison by Cook County Criminal Court Judge Thomas Durkin.

As he was led off, "he told me he could sleep through that," said his lawyer, Joseph Stillo.

Pasczko, of 4123 W. School St., pleaded guilty to three crimes. After his arrest for the first, Pasczko said, "It's just my luck to get grabbed on a good score. This is the best score I've done in a while," said assistant state's attorney Robert Fergus, who prosecuted the case with Wayne Meyer.

Police started tailing Pasczko in August, 1983. They had seen him casing jewelry stores and "they knew it was for a reason," Fergus said.

They followed as he and his partner, George Schnell, 43, of 2417

N. Clybourn Ave., drove around a Naperville jewelry salesman's house several times. The two went to the salesman's house again on Aug. 30.

That day, the salesman put gold and diamond rings worth about \$160,000 in his car and headed to Springfield for a sales trip. Pasczko and Schnell followed, and police followed them.

But police lost them on the way. When the salesman reached Springfield, he stopped at a gas station and left the car for a few minutes. When he came back, the

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Fire fuels toxic clean-up fight

By Casey Bukro

Environment writer

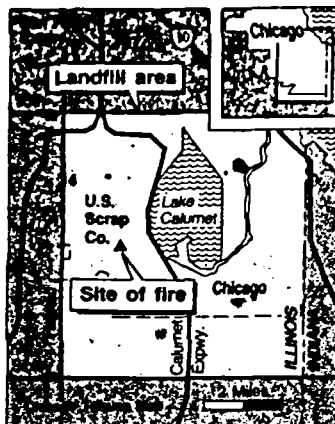
Two citizens groups demanded Tuesday that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency declare 30 square miles of the far Southeast Side of Chicago near Lake Calumet a Superfund toxic waste site qualifying for emergency clean-up.

Citizens for a Better Environment [CBE] and the United Neighborhood Organization [UNO] at the same time criticized the EPA for failing to inform neighborhood residents of an uncontrolled fire in part of an abandoned toxic waste dump and for not advising them of what to do in case of an evacuation.

The two groups identified 31 closed or operating waste dumps in the Lake Calumet region.

"We are demanding the U.S. EPA come in and designate all the 31 waste sites as Superfund clean-up sites," said Mary Ellen Montes, a UNO board member. "What will it take for U.S. EPA to clean up? A loss of lives? An explosion? It's time to act before there is an explosion."

The EPA twice has rejected petitions from the two groups for emergency assistance. Jon Grand, an EPA spokesman in Chicago, said the latest plea "simply is not



feasible" because the Superfund program is designed to attack specific dump sites posing threats to health and the environment.

An area as large as the one covering the 31 waste sites on the Southeast Side never has been considered for Superfund designation, the EPA reported.

Dr. Robert Ginsburg, CBE research director, said the newest demand for EPA action is based on threats posed by an underground fire at the U.S. Scrap Co. dump at 119th Street and Cottage Grove Avenue.

Referring to the EPA's earlier contentions that the Lake Calumet area waste sites posed no immediate health hazards, Ginsburg said, "A burning landfill with risks of explosion has changed that."

The groups appealed to U.S. Sen. Paul Simon (D., Ill.) to "push EPA to take action" and encourage EPA chief Lee Thomas to visit Chicago. A Simon aide in Washington said the senator agreed to meet with the citizens groups next month.

Simon is a cosponsor of a \$10 billion proposal to reauthorize the Superfund program, which otherwise would end Sept. 30.

Montes of the UNO said the community believes "it is outrageous" that the U.S. Scrap fire has been burning for 10 days, but neighborhood residents were not informed by the EPA or told what to do in an evacuation.

Grand said EPA tests show temperatures in the underground fire are dropping, indicating the blaze might be dying down. Tests will continue for weeks, he added.

The 30-square-mile area for which Superfund designation is being sought is bounded by 95th Street on the north, Sibley Boulevard on the south, Halsted Street on the west and the Illinois-Indiana line on the east.



Speaking at a press conference Tuesday, Mary Ellen Montes, United Neighborhood Organization board member, and Dr. Robert Ginsburg, Citizens for a

Better Environment research waste site on the city's South

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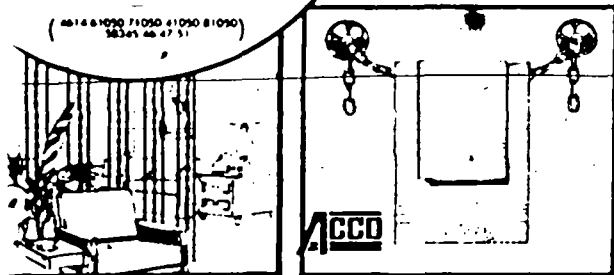
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after his coming marriage; Berenice [Paulette Williams], the kindly and beguiling maid who can't seem to fit into the institution of marriage herself; and sad little John Henry [Johnny Galecki], Frankie's cousin, given to playing with dolls and wearing women's clothes, distanced from an adult world that, because of his later premature death, he will never know.

For a brief time in the last summer days of World War II, they lull the days away in a spare Southern kitchen and irrepressibly belong to each other. McCullers' funny, resilient classic hums and hurts as if written yesterday. She mingles Chekhovian realism and heavy symbolism as effortlessly as

Director Ann Fournier does some nice work in this production, which plays fast and sweet, and yet it always struggles to rise above the community theater waterline. Stodder is sharp and instantaneously loud [sometimes too much so]; her exchanges with Williams are funny when they ought to be but not always tender when the mood suddenly shifts. Her Frankie seems a little incohesive; on the mark sometimes, while at others a pale exercise.

Williams glows with what seems a deep understanding of her character, but she often reads lines flatly and amateurishly, technically undermining a strong sensitivity. The minor players are bland or downright awful.

already a master scene stealer. His line reading isn't perfected yet either, but his quicksilver movements and vivid facial expressiveness are worth a thousand lines. And when he dons Berenice's hat and high heels and struts around the kitchen like a peacock in full feather, he is a little comedian with a real future.

PROGRAM NOTES Steppenwolf Theatre ensemble member Moira Harris has been cast in her first film. She has been signed to star opposite Timothy Bottoms in "The Fantastist."

As a result, Harris won't be available to play in "You Can't Take It With You" at Steppenwolf Dec. 1-Jan. 12.

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City report

Residents warned of explosive waste

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency warned residents of the Far Southeast Side Wednesday that the vacated U.S. Scrap Co. site might contain potentially explosive ether wastes. The agency is to begin digging into a railroad embankment next week at the 6-acre site, near 122d Street and Cottage Grove Avenue in search of drums containing the wastes. Efforts to clean up the site began after an underground fire was found giving off cyanide fumes in August. EPA officials say the underground fire appears to have burned out. It apparently was ignited by a crew burning brush along a railroad track.

'For sale' sign ban loses court round

A federal judge moved a step closer Wednesday to permanently barring the City of Chicago from enforcing its most recent ordinance banning the display of "for sale" signs in residential neighborhoods. U.S. District Judge Paul Plunkett entered a preliminary injunction barring enforcement of the ordinance, saying it infringed on constitutional guarantees of free speech and equal protection. The city is considering an appeal, said Assistant City Corporation Counsel Herbert Caplan. Plunkett's ruling was the latest in a 14-year legal battle involving the city, the real estate industry and its owners. The city says the promote panic peddling, but Realtors and some homeowners say the

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